

MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD

HELD AT COBBS QUAY ON 13-06-19 -

Present:

Frank Gelder (FG)	-	MDL Cobbs Quay
Dean Cluett (DC)	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Paul Trowbridge (PT)	-	Poole Harbour Association
David Brown	-	Dorset Marine Police
Colin Moors (CM)	-	Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council

	Action
<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies: None</p> <p>Frank was welcomed to the group as the new harbour user representative who had been appointed by PHC following advertisement of the role earlier in the year. Frank introduced himself and explained his previous roles and experience in the maritime industry.</p>	
<p>2. Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2018 were approved.</p>	

<p>3. Matters Arising FACEBOOK – GROUP</p> <p>1. No new queries were raised on the facebook page since the last meeting</p> <p>Matters</p> <p>3.1 Dean Cluett was elected as the new Bridges Operating Board chairman.</p> <p>3.2 Display Height Sign – Twin Sails. Digits out on the basin side. Poole bridge – basin side turned off due to displaying incorrect height. CM confirmed that BCP are working with the supplier of the Poole Bridge display height signs, are looking at installing height display boards, are working on the replacement of the Twin Sails display height signs.</p> <p>3.3 CM reported that there is an increase in vehicles abusing the bridge barriers, with one occupant raising the barrier. DB advised that this would be best dealt with by the “No Excuses” team, and suggested that any photos/videos be sent to them so that they could undertake enforcement.</p> <p>3.4 Bridge lifts.</p> <p>A discussion was had on the existing maintenance schedule (in operation due to Twin Sails pin issue) that there is not a 08:30 lift at the weekends, and that the Council would like to reinstate the scheduled 08:30 lift the weekend/bank holiday for the summer. This was welcomed by the group and agreed. DC advised that a LNTM would be required. CM to send details to DC.</p>	<p>CM</p>
<p>4. Bridges Update</p> <p><i>Poole Bridge</i></p> <p>4.1 CM updated the group on Poole Bridge. The road gates on the Hamworthy side, new gates have been fabricated and BCP are looking installation dates.</p> <p><i>Twin Sails</i></p> <p>4.2 There is an issue with the rod end assembly connection on the Hamworthy leaf. The bridge is still being operated in single cylinder mode. The new bearing has arrived and BCP are working with suppliers on the remaining components and planning for the installation of the replacement bearing.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>

<p>5. Customer Service and Complaints</p> <p>5.1 CM confirmed that a new temporary bridge operator was in post and was settling in well.</p> <p>5.2 FG asked for CM to share the communications strategy for when there is an issue with a bridge lift with the group so that it can be commented on.</p> <p>5.3 A general discussion was held on what was classed as being on station for a bridge lift. If there was a single vessel then it would be appropriate for them to contact the bridge operator on channel 12 to make them aware that they are on station for a bridge lift, otherwise if there is a number of vessels making contact with the bridge operator would not be necessary but vessels should listen on channel 12.</p> <p>5.4 The short term berths in the basin were discussed. The bridge operators can make vessels aware of the berths but are not permitted to instruct them to use them. The short term berths are only available for short durations during issues with bridge operation.</p> <p>5.5 FG raised a query concerning a planning application for the Gallaghers site. CM commented that PHC would be statutory consultees so would be formally consulted as part of any planning process.</p> <p>5.6 PT asked if the bridge operators notified which bridge is lifting. CM confirmed that they should be announcing which bridge is lifting on the tanoid system.</p> <p>5.7 FG noted that the IALA lights were out on Twin Sails. CM confirmed that there is one complete set working on each side. BCP are investigating options for replacing the non-working lights. DC noted that the lights need to be fully compliant.</p> <p>5.8 FG made the group aware that there is an issue with electrolysis in the Poole Bay area and that they were working with berth holders, making them aware of the issue.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>
<p>6. Health and Safety</p> <p>No issues raised.</p>	

<p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p>7.1 A “bridges” webpage was discussed which could host useful live information on the bridges. FG proposed that MDL web developer attend. DC suggested that a spate meting be added on to the next BOB meeting and that this could be held at PHC. DC asked for suggestions on what to include on the website ready for the next meeting. CM confirmed that he would ask for additional representative from BCP to attend.</p> <p>7.2 Date for next meeting to be Thursday 5th September 10am - PHC</p>	DC
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